

CITY OF  
**JOHNS CREEK**  
GEORGIA

# Recreation & Parks



2012

Programs & Special Events

# City of Johns Creek Parks

## **Autrey Mill Nature Preserve & Heritage Center (9770 Autrey Mill Road)**

Forty-six acres of ravine forest, with 2-plus miles of walking trails winding past a scenic creek with rocky shoals, picturesque cliffs, mature trees, wildflowers, native plants and animal life.

Facilities include a Heritage Village with several historical buildings, replica Native American dwellings, and a Visitor's Center that houses live animal displays. Autrey Mill is a popular location for scouting activities, including Eagle Scout projects.



## **Newtown Park (3150 Old Alabama Road)**

Three softball/baseball fields, 3 multi-purpose athletic fields, 6 tennis courts, 2 outdoor basketball courts, a 2-mile multi-use path, 13 picnic pavilions, dog park, community garden, 2 playgrounds and a small lake. Park Place at Newtown School, the City's active adult center, is located adjacent to the park.

## **Ocee Park (10900 Buice Road)**

Eight lighted softball/baseball fields, 4 picnic pavilions, playground, 2 tennis courts, 2 sand volleyball courts, 2 outdoor basketball courts and walking/jogging track.

## **Shakerag Park (10945 Rogers Circle)**

Lake (3.8 acres), playground, 3 picnic shelters, jogging track and 3 large multi-purpose athletic fields.

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## Non-Profit Park Associations

The City's Recreation & Parks Division works closely with several non-profit park associations that provide a variety of recreation programs and park improvements:



### **Autrey Mill Nature Preserve Association**

[autreymill.org](http://autreymill.org)

Provides year-round nature, historic, and scout badge programs and camps.



### **Johns Creek Garden Association**

[johnscreekgardena@gmail.com](mailto:johnscreekgardena@gmail.com)

Manages/operates the City's Community Garden in Newtown Park.



### **Newtown Recreation**

[newtownrec.com](http://newtownrec.com)

Provides year-round sports programming, including soccer, baseball, lacrosse, flag football, tennis and more.



### **Ocee Park Athletic Association**

[oceepark.com](http://oceepark.com)

Provides spring and fall youth t-ball, baseball and softball programs.

## **Mission Statement**

The Johns Creek Recreation & Parks Division is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life and sense of community by providing safe facilities and programs that promote health and well-being.

## **Recreation & Parks Advisory Committee**

Appointed by the Mayor and City Council, the Recreation & Parks Advisory Committee consists of seven Johns Creek residents that act in an advisory capacity to the City Council in matters of policy and administration of City parks and recreation programs. For meeting schedule, visit [www.JohnsCreekGA.gov](http://www.JohnsCreekGA.gov).

# Park Facility Highlights

## Newtown Dream Dog Park

The City's original Newtown Dog Park received a \$500,000 facelift in June 2011, compliments of the national Beneful® contest won by a Johns Creek resident. Now, Newtown Dream Dog Park is a popular destination for dog lovers across Metro Atlanta and considered one of the top dog parks in the country.

Located on one acre inside Newtown Park, it features artificial turf, sprinklers for dogs to play in, obstacles to play on, plus water fountains for people and pets. It offers separate areas for large and small dogs, along with benches, shelters, and shade trees.

Dog waste bags are provided and all dog owners are required to clean up after their dogs. To review dog park rules, visit [www.JohnsCreekGA.gov](http://www.JohnsCreekGA.gov).



## Newtown Community Garden



The 41-plot Community Garden is located inside Newtown Park and contains 35, 4x8' raised beds, 4 tall planting tables and 2 handicapped beds.

The garden is managed and operated by the Johns Creek Garden Association (JCGA) and was created in 2010 in part by members of Leadership Johns Creek. For more information, email [johnscreekgardena@gmail.com](mailto:johnscreekgardena@gmail.com).

## Park Place at Newtown School (Johns Creek's Active Adult Center)

Park Place at Newtown School (3125 Old Alabama Road), offers a variety of fun, helpful, and interesting activities for Johns Creek residents, ages 62+.

Free/low cost activities such as bridge, movie matinees and bingo as well as programs including yoga, Zumba, art classes, computer classes and more are offered at the center adjacent to Newtown Park.

Open Monday - Thursday, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. To register for classes call 770-667-5030, email [parkplace@johnscreekga.gov](mailto:parkplace@johnscreekga.gov), or visit the City website at [www.JohnsCreekGA.gov](http://www.JohnsCreekGA.gov).





# Programs

## Youth Baseball Camps

The City's summer baseball camps and spring break clinic are directed by professional baseball staff from Grand Slam Sports Center. Campers have the opportunity to enhance their baseball skills through proven drills and fun games.

### General Information:

**Location:** Ocee Park

**Time:** 9:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

**Ages:** 7-13 years old  
(Campers grouped by age)

**Camp Ratio:** 1 to 10

**Camp Size:** Min: 10 campers; Max: 50 campers

### Spring Break Clinic:

**Dates:** April 3 – April 5

**Cost:** \$115 (resident), \$172.50 (non-resident)

**Registration begins:** Monday, Feb. 27

### Summer Camps:

**Session 1:** June 11 – 14

**Session 2:** July 16 – 19

**Cost:** \$150 (resident), \$225 (non-resident)

**Registration begins:** Monday, May 7



## Adult Co-ed Softball

Adult participants of all skill levels competitively play slow pitch softball. All teams participate in an end-of-season single-elimination tournament (weather permitting).

**Season Dates:** Aug. 28 – Oct. 23

(Weather permitting)

**Game Days:** Tuesday night

(Some rained out games may be played on weekends)

**Game Times:** 6 p.m., 7 p.m., 8 p.m., 9 p.m.

**Location:** Ocee Park, Field #4

**Ages:** Must be at least 18 years of age

**Cost:** \$450 per team (Teams required to provide their own numbered jerseys)

**Non resident players:** \$15 extra per non-resident

**Registration begins:** July 16

**Registration deadline:** Aug. 10



## Johns Creek State (GRPA) Swim Team

The City-sponsored Johns Creek Aquatic Team (JCAT) is comprised of qualified swimmers from local neighborhood/subdivision swim teams who compete at the GRPA (Georgia Recreation & Parks Association) State Swim Meet.

**Qualifying:** June 30, Atlanta Swim Association (ASA) Championship Meet at Georgia Tech

**GRPA State Meet:** July 27 & 28, Carrollton, GA

**Registration:** Qualifiers are required to commit and register for the JCAT on the day of the qualifying meet (June 30).

**Age:** 7 years of age and older

**Cost:** \$60 (resident), \$90 (non-resident)



For more information, please contact the Recreation & Parks Division

## Special Events

### Spring Easter Egg Hunt

Children hunt for thousands of filled eggs “hidden” on Newtown Park’s athletic fields. Special prize eggs in each age-group are part of the fun. “Pre-Hunt” activities include face painting, moonwalk, children’s activities, and photos with the Easter Bunny. Please bring your own basket and camera for pictures.

**Date:** Sunday, March 25

**Time:** 12:30 p.m. “Pre-Hunt” activities; 1:30 p.m. Egg Hunt begins

**Location:** Newtown Park, main soccer field

**Age:** 1-10 years of age (areas separated by age)

**Cost:** Free



### Pitch, Hit & Run

The Aquafina Major League Baseball (MLB) Pitch, Hit and Run competition provides Johns Creek youngsters the chance to compete to show off their baseball or softball skills at the 2012 MLB All-Star Game in Kansas City, Missouri.

Boys and girls divide into age groups and compete in pitching, hitting and running (compete on same day, awarded separately). Highest scored champion in each category and age group from local competition advance to the Sectional Competition (date/location TBD).

**Date:** Saturday, April 21

**Time:** 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

**Location:** Ocee Park

**Age:** Boys and Girls ages 7-14

**Cost:** Free

**Registration:** Register on-site April 21. Please bring copy of participant’s birth certificate.

### North Fulton Golden Games

The 18th annual North Fulton Golden Games, May 2-31, is a collaborative effort by North Fulton cities and provides a month-long series of Olympic-style events and activities for North Fulton adults age 50 and older. Participants compete in track and field events, tennis tournament, golf tournament, Bocce ball competition, Wii bowling, swimming and more.

#### Opening Ceremonies

**Date:** May 2

**Time:** 9 a.m.

**Location:** Newtown Park (Park Place at Newtown School)

**Cost:** \$15 (includes t-shirt); additional fees for golf and bowling tournaments.

**Registration:** Call Park Place at 770-667-5030 or email [parkplace@johnscreekga.gov](mailto:parkplace@johnscreekga.gov)

#### Closing Ceremonies

**Date:** May 31

**Time:** 10 a.m.

**Location:** Helene Mills Senior Multipurpose Complex, Atlanta



# Special Events

## Public Works Day

This annual event, presented by the City's Public Works Department, provides an up-close view of bulldozers, backhoes, public safety vehicles and other cool machines, in conjunction with National Public Works Week.

The "touch-a-truck" event offers the opportunity to learn about the equipment used for projects, such as road improvements and traffic signal operations, from the professionals who operate the equipment.

Games, children's activities, prizes, music and food are also featured, while Public Works staff answers questions and demonstrates the department's many services.

**Date:** Saturday, May 12

**Time:** 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

**Location:** Johns Creek High School, 5575 State Bridge

**Cost:** Free admission and parking



## Farmers Market

Held at Newtown Park on Saturday mornings from 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., each market features local farmers and vendors with organic and/or sustainable foods and produce.

For more information, or to sign up for the weekly newsletter, visit [www.JohnsCreekGA.gov](http://www.JohnsCreekGA.gov).

**Date:** June 2 – Sept. 8 (every Saturday)

**Time:** 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

**Location:** Newtown Park



## Movies in the Park

Series of three movies offers outdoor family fun, centered around a featured movie presented on a huge inflatable screen.

Pre-show activities include inflatable moonwalk, giant slide, face painting, children's activities, give-a-ways, entertainment, food and drinks.

**Date:** Saturday, June 9, July 14 & Aug. 4

**Time:** Movie starts at dusk. Pre-show activities start two hours prior

**Location:** Newtown Park

**Cost:** Free

**Movies:** Movie titles announced one week prior to each event.

*Note: Interested in sponsoring the popular series, or having an information table at the events in front of hundreds of residents and visitors? Contact Recreation & Parks at 678-512-3200.*



**For more information, please contact the Recreation & Parks Division**

## Special Events

### Fall Family Festival

The 4th annual Johns Creek Fall Family Festival features music, games, activities, art & crafts, moonwalks, giant slides, obstacle course, Farmers Market and more.

**Date:** Saturday, Sept. 8

**Time:** 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

**Location:** Newtown Park

**Vendor registration:** Begins Monday, Aug. 6.

Deadline is Friday, Aug. 31.

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### 6th Annual Founders Day Parade & Santa Jam

The Johns Creek Founders Day Parade is the highlight of a week of activities celebrating the City's incorporation.

Santa Jam, immediately following the parade, includes a special photo op with Santa, games, activities, food, moonwalks and entertainment for the entire family.

**Date:** Saturday, Dec. 1

**Time:** Parade starts at 10 a.m.

Santa Jam: 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

**Location:** Parade is on State Bridge Road between Kimball Bridge & West Morton roads

Santa Jam is at Johns Creek High School, 5575 State Bridge Road



### Breakfast with Santa

All Johns Creek boys and girls are invited to have breakfast with Santa. Children will also enjoy music, holiday crafts, letters to Santa, and pictures with Santa. (Parents please bring your camera.)

**Date:** Saturday, Dec. 8

**Time:** Two breakfast times: 8:30 a.m. and 10 a.m. (each breakfast is a hour long)

**Location:** Park Place at Newtown School (3125 Old Alabama Road)

**Cost:** \$15 (resident), \$22.50 (non-resident). No fees for adults but a limitation of 2 adults per family.

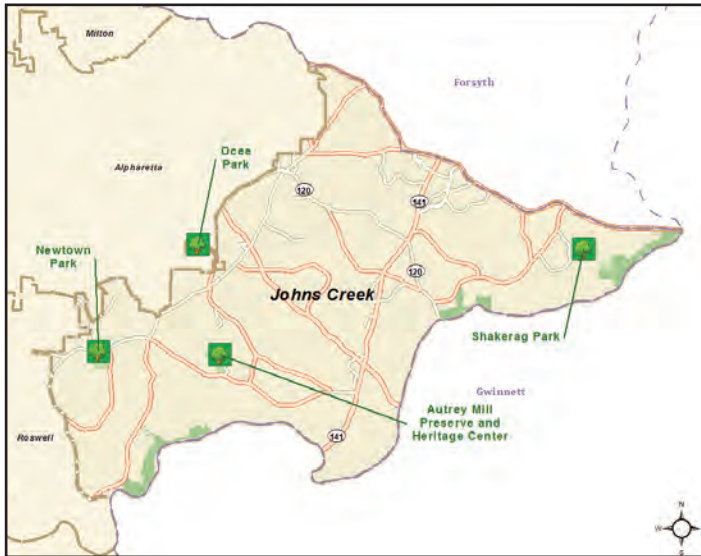
**Registration begins:** Monday, Oct. 29. Deadline is Friday, Nov. 30. Space limited, maximum 20 children per breakfast.

*Note: Each child must be pre-registered and accompanied by an adult. Please register early.*





# City Park Locations



## Recreation & Parks Office

Johns Creek City Hall  
12000 Findley Road, Suite 400  
Johns Creek, GA 30097

**Recreation & Parks Office Hours:**  
Monday – Friday: 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.

**Phone:** 678-512-3200

**Fax:** 678-512-3270

[www.JohnsCreekGA.gov](http://www.JohnsCreekGA.gov)

## Want to volunteer?

The City of Johns Creek Recreation & Parks Division offers great volunteer opportunities with a variety of programs and special events throughout the year. Contact Maggie Barker, Volunteer Coordinator, at [Maggie.Barker@JohnsCreekGA.gov](mailto:Maggie.Barker@JohnsCreekGA.gov) for more information.

## Park Facility Rental

Interested in renting a picnic pavilion or the club house for a birthday party? Or a tennis court for a tennis match? Visit [www.JohnsCreekGA.gov](http://www.JohnsCreekGA.gov) to download the rental form or call 678-512-3200 for more information.

## Non-resident fee policy

Non-residents will pay an increase fee of 50% for all City of Johns Creek programs and facility rentals. Non-resident fees are collected from participants that participate in Johns Creek programs that do not live within the City limits. These fees are being collected to help with park maintenance which is not being funded by non-residents who do not pay City of Johns Creek taxes.